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SUBJECT: CYPRUS WILL CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS FOR REACTION TO  
BELARUS ELECTION

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Classified By: Ambassador Ronald L. Schlicher, reasons 1.4  
(B) and (D)

11. (C) On March 1, poloff delivered reftel message to Vasos Chamberlain, who handles Russian and Eastern European issues in the MFA's Division of bilateral affairs. Chamberlain said that Belarus was discussed at the Informal Meeting of EU Foreign Affairs Ministers held March 10-11 (Gymnich) in Salzburg, and that Cyprus would discuss the U.S. position on the elections with its EU partners. He noted that the outcome of the election was of great importance not only to Belarus, but also to the Baltic countries and Poland.

SCHLICHER